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OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ORGANIZED AT VICTORIA, B. C.
FEBRUARY 25TH, 1903.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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The Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

PROVINCIAL MINING ASSOCIATION

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. This organization shall be known as the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia.

SEC. 2. The objects of this Association shall be to protect, develop and foster the mining industry of British Columbia in all its branches.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee consisting of twenty-five members to be selected to the number of five from each of the following classes, viz.:

CLASS ONE—

Prospectors,
Mine Workers and
Smelter Workers.

CLASS TWO—

Mine Operators and Owners.

CLASS THREE—

Smelter Owners and Managers.

CLASS FOUR—

Business and Professional Men.

CLASS FIVE—

Farmers and Ranchers and others.

SEC. 2. All officers to serve for the period of one year, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

SEC. 3. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall be ex-officio officers of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. A general convention of this Association shall be held annually in Victoria, or such other place as may be selected by the preceding annual convention, the date to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Executive Committee of this Association shall have full power to transact all business of the Association, except such as shall be transacted at any general meeting of the Association.

SEC. 2. The district organizations shall submit for the consideration of the Executive Committee all questions, matters and resolutions that they may desire to have submitted or brought before the Government or Legislature of the Province, or the Government or Parliament of Canada, and the Executive Committee shall have the sole and exclusive right and power to convey or submit to such Governments, Legislature or Parliament such questions, matters or resolutions, and may so convey or submit the same as

forwarded by the district organizations, or as modified or changed by the Executive Committee, or may decline to so convey or submit the same.

SEC. 3. No new legislation or amendment of any existing legislation shall be sought by a district organization, except through the medium of the Executive Committee, who shall have power to modify or change any such suggested legislation, or to decline to submit the same to either of the Governments aforesaid, or to the said Legislature or Parliament.

SEC. 4. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the public, and a full report of all its proceedings must be made to the then next annual convention.

SEC. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and sign all cheques and drafts drawn on the Treasurer ; provided, however, that such cheques and drafts have been passed by the auditing committee in the manner provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, and perform such other duties as are herein prescribed, or as usually pertain to that office. In the absence of the President, the

Vice-President or 2nd Vice-President, shall perform all the duties of that office.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep full and correct minutes of all meetings of this Association and of the Executive Committee, and to render annually to the Association a full report of all the transactions of his office, or to the Executive when requested to do so by the President; receive all moneys of the Association, paying the same to the Treasurer and taking his receipts therefor, and perform such other duties as may be required of him either by the Association or the Executive Committee thereof. The Secretary shall give bonds in such sum as the Executive Committee may determine, for the faithful performance of his duties, such bond to be approved by the President, or either Vice-President.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys of the Association, and deposit said money in a Bank designated by the Executive Committee, and pay the same only upon orders drawn by the Secretary and passed by the auditing committee. He shall render an annual report to the Association, and, upon the request of the President of the Executive Committee shall, at any time, furnish to said Com-

mittee a statement of the condition of the funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall give bonds in such sum as the Executive Committee may determine for the faithful performance of his duties, such bond to be approved by the President.

SEC. 8. All accounts against the Association must be approved by the auditing committee before being paid.

SEC. 9. All cheques and drafts of this Association must be prepared by the Secretary and signed by the President, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The headquarters of this Association shall be the City of Victoria.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of this Association to at once proceed to the formation of district organizations. Such district organizations shall be recognized as branches of the Association ; provided, however, that no city, town, village, or other locality shall have more than one district organization.

SEC. 3. All persons friendly to the mining

interests are eligible to become members of the various branches of this Association. In the event of there being no district organization in the district where he resides, any person may unite with the Association by forwarding his name to the Secretary thereof, and paying an initiation fee of one dollar ($1.00), and he will be furnished by the Secretary with a certificate of membership. District organizations may admit non-residents as members.

SEC. 4. The annual membership dues for all branches of this Association will be as follows, viz.:—

	PER ANNUM.
Wholesale Mercantile Houses..	$10 00
Manufacturing Concerns.....	10 00
Mining Companies.....	10 00
Hotelkeepers and Saloonkeepers	5 00
Retail Merchants.....	5 00
All other Members.....	1 00

SEC. 5. Any such wholesale mercantile house, manufacturing concern, mining company, hotel or saloonkeeper, or retail merchant, paying the fee above provided, shall be entitled to nominate a representative to act as a member of the district organization receiving such fee.

Sec. 6. All dues must be collected by the district branches, and fifty per cent. (50%) of same paid to the Secretary of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia. The remaining fifty per cent. (50 %) shall be retained by the district branches to pay for the cost of collection of dues and for the maintenance of said branch associations, and expenses of delegates to any meeting of the Association.

Sec. 7. The annual dues of this Association shall be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

Sec. 8. Each district organization shall be entitled to one delegate to the annual convention for each twenty members, or fraction thereof, in good standing, to be selected as such district organization may determine ; provided, however, that no city, town, village or other locality shall be permitted to send more than twenty delegates.

Sec. 9. This Association shall be non-political, and shall not permit discussion in any of its conventions or meetings on social problems ; nor shall it interfere in any manner with labor unions;

provided, however, that this Association shall be at liberty to use its good offices in adjusting and settling mining labor differences.

SEC. 10. This Constitution may be amended at any annual convention of the Association upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of delegates present.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to appoint from among themselves by vote, or through the President, or in his absence by either of the Vice-Presidents, an auditing committee, which shall also serve as a finance committee, and such other committees as they or the President, or in his absence by either of the Vice-Presidents, shall deem necessary or proper. The duties of such committees shall be outlined by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fill all vacancies of the officers of the Association, or members of any committee, and they shall have power to remove an officer of this Association who is derelict in his duty, upon two-thirds vote of all the members present at such meeting; provided that no officer shall be removed until he shall have been notified of the intended action of the committee, and afforded an opportunity to be heard.

2. All Parliamentary questions shall be determined in accordance with Bourinot's Manual of Procedure at Public Meetings, unless otherwise ordered by the Association, including Rules of Order adopted at the organization of this Association.

3. Unless otherwise ordered, the President shall appoint all committees of this Association.

4. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time as they may determine. Special meetings of said committees may be called by President whenever deemed advisable, and upon the written request of any five members of the Executive Committee the President shall call a meeting thereof.

Provided that the fixing of headquarters does not preclude the holding of Executive Committee meetings elsewhere than in Victoria, as might be necessary or advisable.

5. At all meetings of the Executive Committee seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member of the Committee shall be notified personally by mail or telegram, to his last known address, of each intended meeting.

6. The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Executive may, from time to time, determine.

7. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual convention of the Association, upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of delegates present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings and preserve order. In case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, a member may be selected by the meeting to act as presiding officer.

2. A delegate wishing to speak to any question must rise in his place uncovered, give his name and the name of the branch he represents, and address the Chair. He shall be allowed ten minutes in which to speak, and shall not be allowed to speak more than once upon any one question unless he be the mover of a substantive resolution, or by way of explanation.

3. Two delegates shall not occupy the floor at the same time. A delegate called to order shall at once resume his seat ; but he may appeal against the ruling, and the decision of the meeting shall be final.

4. A motion having been passed or negatived, may be rescinded or reconsidered and amended or rejected at the same meeting by the vote of a majority of the delegates present.

5. All motions must be in writing, and signed by the mover and seconder before being open for discussion.

6. Any of these rules may be amended or suspended by a majority vote of the delegates without notice.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

AT MEETINGS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. Reading of Notice Convening Meeting.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Original Communications.
4. Presenting Resolutions.
5. Enquiries and Answers thereto.
6. Presentation and Consideration of Reports of Officers and Committees.
7. Motions.
8. Introduction and Consideration of By-Laws.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Election of Officers and Committees.